



2015 - 2016 Composition Program Essay Contest

Who may enter?

The contest is open to students enrolled in ENG 101, ENG 103/099, ENG 201, and ELI 198. It doesn't matter whether the course is on-campus, off-campus, or online.

What's the award?

The first, second, and third place winners for each category (ENG 101/103/ELI 198 and ENG 201) will win monetary awards credited to their CMU account.

Best of all, winners will receive public honor and recognition as great writers, and it's a great addition to your résumé, too!

When are entries due?

The deadline for entering is Friday, **April 29, 2016**, but earlier submissions are both welcome and encouraged.

Contest Rules

1. Essays must have been written for a CMU composition course (ENG 101, ENG 103/099, ENG 201, and ELI 198) during the summer or fall semesters of 2015 or the spring semester of 2016.
2. The writer must be an enrolled student at CMU in the fall semester of 2016, when the awards are given.
3. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins.
4. Writers may submit only **one** essay for each category (ENG 101/103/ELI 198 and ENG 201).
5. Each entry must be the writer's own work, although co-authored essays are allowed.
6. No awards will be given in a category with fewer than four entries.
7. Essays will be blind reviewed by members of the English Department's Composition Committee whose own students are not entered in the contest. If external reviewers are necessary, they will be solicited from among CMU composition instructors whose students are not entered in the contest.
8. There are no length or topic requirements, but essays should be edited carefully and will be judged in terms of the Department-approved objectives and grading standards and the quality of the essays compared to other entries in the same category. The Composition Committee reserves the right to withhold awards in any category if the members perceive that none of the submissions meets the minimum Department grading standards for a "C," regardless of the grade the paper received in the course.

Submission Procedure

To enter the contest, enclose the items listed below in a 9"x12" envelope and place it in the box labeled "Composition Writing Contest" in the English Dept. office, Anspach 215. Online students may mail in their packets or submit their materials electronically to their instructor, who will place them in the box in the office.

1. **Three copies** of the entry (or of each entry, if you are entering an essay from more than one composition course in which you were enrolled during Summer or Fall 2015 or Spring 2016). Neither your name nor your instructor's name should appear anywhere on the copies (so be sure to check the header of your essay, too).
2. A separate sheet of paper that includes your name, essay title, global ID, student number, permanent mailing address, email address, phone number, and the mailing address of your parent(s) or guardian if it's different from your permanent address. In addition, note the course number (e.g., ENG 101, ENG 103, ENG 201, or ELI 198), course reference number (CRN), your instructor's name, and the semester during which your essay was completed.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Steven Bailey, Director of Composition, at baile1sk@cmich.edu